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Federal Communications Commission  
Chairman Julius Genachowski  
Commissioner Michael J. Copps  
Commissioner Robert M. McDowell  
Commissioner Meredith Attwell Baker  
Commissioner Mignon Clyburn  
445 12<sup>th</sup> Street, SW  
Washington, DC 20554

Re: FCC Docket #11-65

Dear Chairman Genachowski and Commissioners:


The Pilots' Association for the Bay and River Delaware is a group of licensed professionals who pilot vessels along the Delaware Bay and River from sea to Trenton, NJ. We are outspoken advocates for safe navigation and commercial development along the Delaware River waterfront.

We are also keenly aware that a high functioning federal navigation channel is essential to the growth of this region's struggling economy. We feel the same about the importance of high functioning wireless broadband communications. This is why the Association supports the proposed merger of AT&T and T-Mobile USA.

Our endorsement of the merger is prompted by the 4G LTE broadband wireless service it would bring along the entire length of the river and to the cities on either side. Having this advanced communication capacity on the water offers the potential to improve wireless communication among the users. This upgrade in service could provide the means to receive navigational safety data over mobile devices and could play an important role to the economic viability of the region.

Making affordable advanced wireless broadband widely available is a long-term investment in our region's competitiveness, and a short-term stimulus for its economic recovery. We hope the FCC will contribute to both those ends by approving the merger.

Sincerely,



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